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Re: Preliminary Environmental Review
Carbon County Auto Salvage

Board of County Commissioners, Carbon County Courthouse, Red Lodge, MT
Ronald Kotar, Mayor, P. O. Box 507, Red Lodge, MT
Bill King, County Sanitarian, P. O. Box 460, Red Lodge, MT
Carbon County Planning Board, P. O. Box 460, Red Lodge, MT
William E. Dunn, Carbon County Auto Salvage, P. O. Box 944, Red Lodge
John Scharra, West of Red Lodge, Red Lodge, MT
Environmental Quality Council, Capitol Bldg., Helena, MT
Tom Ellerhoff, Environmental Sciences Division, DHES
Harold Chambers, State Library, Capitol Complex, Helena, MT

Ladies and Gentlemen:

Pursuant to the Administrative Rules of Montana, 16.2.604,
the following Preliminary Environmental Review has been prepared by the
Department of Health and Environmental Sciences concerning William E.
Dunn d/b/a/ Carbon County Auto Salvage.

The purpose of the Preliminary Environmental Review is to inform
all interested governmental agencies, public groups or individuals of
the proposed action and to determine whether or not the action may have
a significant effect on the human environment. This Preliminary
Environmental Review will be circulated for a period of fifteen (15)
days at which time a decision will be made as to our future action.

If you care to comment on this proposed action, please do so within
the allotted time.

Sincerely,

LARRY D. MITCHELL
Solid Waste Management Bureau
Environmental Sciences Division

LDM:vc
Encls.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCES
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PRELIMINARY ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW

Division/Bureau Environmental Sciences Division/Solid Waste Management Bureau
Project or Application William H. Dunn dba/Carbon County Auto Salvage
Description of Project Establishing a private motor vehicle wrecking facility
near Fox, Montana. (See Map)

POTENTIAL IMPACT ON PHYSICAL ENVIRONMENT

	Major	Moderate	Minor	None	Unknown	Comments on Attached Pages
1. Terrestrial & aquatic life and habitats				X		
2. Water quality, quantity and distribution				X		X
3. Geology & soil quality, stability and moisture				X		
4. Vegetation cover, quantity and quality				X		X
5. Aesthetics			X			X
6. Air quality				X		
7. Unique, endangered, fragile, or limited environmental resources				X		
8. Demands on environmental resources of land, water, air & energy				X		
9. Historical and archaeological sites					X	

POTENTIAL IMPACTS ON HUMAN ENVIRONMENT

	Major	Moderate	Minor	None	Unknown	Comments on Attached Pages
1. Social structures and mores				X		
2. Cultural uniqueness and diversity				X		
3. Local and state tax base & tax revenue			X			X
4. Agricultural or industrial production			X			X
5. Human health				X		
6. Quantity and distribution of community and personal income			X			X
7. Access to and quality of recreational and wilderness activities				X		
8. Quantity and distribution of employment			X			X
9. Distribution and density of population and housing				X		
10. Demands for government services			X			X
11. Industrial & commercial activity				X		X
12. Demands for energy				X		
13. Locally adopted environmental plans & goals				X		X
14. Transportation networks & traffic flows				X		

Other groups or agencies contacted or which may have overlapping jurisdiction _____

Individuals or groups contributing to this PER. Carbon County Commissioners

Recommendation concerning preparation of EIS Not necessary

PER Prepared by: Larry D. Mitchell

LARRY D. MITCHELL

Date: August 23, 1983

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PRELIMINARY ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW GENERAL COMMENTS

POTENTIAL IMPACT ON PHYSICAL ENVIRONMENT

This proposed facility is located on a portion of a 45 acre farm consisting of a home, several out-buildings and irrigated hayland. The portion of the property under consideration for use as a wrecking facility is a small area approximately one acre in size. This area is currently screened from public view by an existing feedlot corral and several sheds, shops and other out-buildings. For example the site is screened on the west by a long shed running the full length of the corral area. Once vehicles are placed in the corral area it may be necessary to construct some additional shielding on the corral fence or between the buildings if junk vehicles become visible from the county roads in the area. The site is approximately 600 feet away from the nearest county road and it appears that additional shielding will not be necessary. If the yard expands or junk vehicles will be visible, the site is capable of being screened from any existing public road in the area. Topography in the immediate area is generally flat. To minimize aesthetic impact, the Motor Vehicle Recycling and Disposal law and regulation require all motor vehicle wrecking facilities to be shielded from public view such that junk vehicles cannot be seen from public roadways. That requirement is a condition of licensing.

Spring Creek flows through the western portion of the property and the McDonald Ditch and its laterals irrigate the hay fields on the farm. Neither is in any danger of contamination from this proposed facility due to distance and direction away from the salvage area.

Should the facility expand beyond the confines of the corral area, there will be a minor loss of existing vegetation and hayfield. Vegetation will most likely be removed to facilitate vehicle salvage and storage operations.

POTENTIAL IMPACTS ON HUMAN ENVIRONMENT

The successful operation of a motor vehicle wrecking facility at this location may have a minor positive impact on local and state tax base and revenue, community and personal income and employment opportunities. A commercial business is generally assessed at a higher tax rate than agricultural land. Wrecking facilities rely on other trades and businesses for support activities such as transportation, communication, advertising, construction and vehicle parts and repair. This business will be the first of its kind in Carbon County and should provide employment and income opportunities to the applicant/operator and any additional employees necessary for the business.



Should the facility expand in size in the future, there may be a minor loss in agricultural production as the haylands are converted into a vehicle storage and recycling yard. For the present and immediate future only the livestock corral area is proposed for this use. Once a portion of a much larger farming operation, this smaller tract does not presently appear to support any livestock production but it does produce good quality feed. The haylands will be preserved as such for the immediate future.

The establishment and licensing of a motor vehicle wrecking facility at this location by itself should not have a significant impact on land use trends or increased industrial or commercial activity., The Carbon County commissioner's office has certified that local zoning ordinances do not prohibit this proposed land use at this location.

A minor amount of time will be required by state and local junk vehicle program officials to assure that the facility is maintained and operated in compliance with the requirements of the law. Periodic inspections will be conducted. There may be a minor increase in demand for such local government services as fire protection, law enforcement, solid waste disposal and county road maintenance. These impacts are not expected to be significant.



MONTANA DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCES
Environmental Sciences Division
Solid Waste Management Bureau
Helena, Montana 59601

M O T O R V E H I C L E W R E C K I N G F A C I L I T Y

APPLICATION FOR LICENSE

Complete this form and return with attachments to: Solid Waste Management Bureau
Montana Department of Health and
Environmental Sciences
Helena, Montana 59601

- 1) Name of applicant: William Howard Dunn
2) Name of facility: Carbon County Auto Salvage
3) Address: P.O. Box 944 Red Lodge, MT 59068
4) Size and legal description of facility: (included in attachments)

- 5) If you are not the owner of the premises, give name and address of lessor who holds title to the property:

Name: John Scharra

Address: Red Lodge, MT 59068

- 6) Attachments: a) Map of city or county showing proposed location of facility.
b) Drawing of proposed facility showing especially the type and adequacy of shielding of facility from public view and location of buildings.
- 7) I hereby certify that the site of the planned motor vehicle wrecking facility is in accordance with local government zoning and ordinances (to be signed by appropriate local government official having knowledge of local zoning ordinances).

TITLE: County Commissioner Richard Steffen

OF: County

(city or county)

- 8) Date (year and month) that your facility will begin operation: 8/83

SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT: William H. Dunn

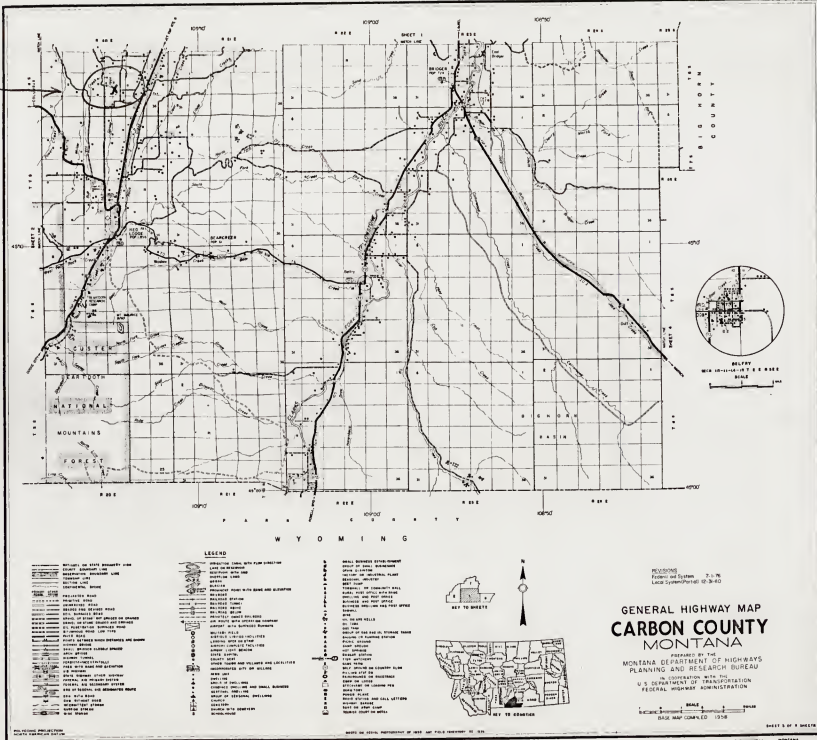
PHONE: 446-2303

TITLE: Owner

DATE: 7/26/83



Proposed
Site





N 01°15'33" W
1311.69'

SE 1/4 SW 1/4
Section 27
T6 S, R20 E

45-003 ACRES

proposed vehicle
Storage area - inside
feedlot corral →

S 88°25'46" W
1120.43'

N 50°42'14" W
122.14'

N 35°59'14" W
92.17'

N 17°54'04" W
110.97'

N 11°59'29" W
142.03'

McDonald Ditch

NE 1/4 NW 1/4

S 01°11'48" E
1029.99'

112 Pn

SW 1/4 SE 1/4

N 87°50'09" E
308.60'

S 07°31'09" E
239.65'

S 55°34'48" W
105.60'

S 02°36'17" W
231.48'

S 55°48'20" W
297.78'

NW 1/4 NE 1/4

0 100 200

SCALE 1" = 20'

• DENOTES POINTS MOVED
5/8" X 20" REBAR

• DENOTES POINTS NOT

80' ACCESS R

